

THE BOTTOM LINE

- Trump and Xi met: pandas for Atlanta, a student pledge, no major new deals.
- The Senate rejected a resolution to end U.S. hostilities with Iran, 49–50.
- Oil rose nearly 3%; mortgage rates topped 7% for the first time since January 2025.
- Hurricane Nolo threatens Hawaii; a nor'easter cut the Outer Banks highway.

THE WORLD OVERNIGHT**1 Trump and Xi meet; pandas and students, few new deals**

At Thursday's White House welcome, Xi Jinping said two giant pandas will go to Zoo Atlanta and China will invite 100,000 young Americans to study there over five years. Talks and a state dinner followed, but beyond Wednesday's extension of the trade truce to Jan. 10, no major agreements were announced. Xi leaves today.

Sources: AP · ABC News · CNBC · Deseret News

2 Netanyahu defends Iran and Gaza wars at UN

Many delegates walked out as Israel's prime minister addressed the General Assembly. He called striking Iran "one of the easiest decisions" he had made and said, "Israel didn't commit genocide. Israel prevented genocide." Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas spoke by video after the U.S. denied him a visa.

Sources: UN News · NBC News · RTÉ · CBC

3 Russian drone kills teenager in Kyiv

A drone hit a 16-story apartment building in central Kyiv early Friday, killing a 14-year-old boy and injuring at least seven people, city officials said.

Sources: Kyiv Independent · Ukrinform

Ethiopia's army says it killed 272 Tigrayan fighters as the renewed conflict widens; the figure could not be independently confirmed.

Sources: Al Jazeera · Reuters · NPR

DEFENSE & SECURITY**4 Saudis intercept six Houthi ballistic missiles**

The Saudi-led coalition said it downed six missiles fired from Yemen toward Taif and the oil-export port of Yanbu. The Houthis claimed attacks on Riyadh and on Saudi Aramco sites; it was not immediately clear whether there was any damage.

Sources: Al Jazeera · Reuters · AP

WASHINGTON**5 Senate rejects Iran war powers resolution, 49–50**

The measure would have required congressional approval for continued U.S. hostilities with Iran. Republicans Collins, Murkowski, Paul and Tillis voted yes; Democrat Fetterman voted no. Supporters cited Congress's war powers and fuel costs; opponents said the president is acting within his authority.

Sources: AP · CBS News · NBC News · NPR

6 FDA nominee calls approved vaccines safe

Dr. Heidi Overton, 37, told the Senate health committee that vaccines on the market are "safe and effective, according to the FDA," and that she has "not seen any causal evidence" linking Tylenol to autism. Senators also asked about the abortion pill mifepristone.

Sources: ABC News · STAT · NBC News

NYT/Siena Senate polls, likely voters: Michigan, El-Sayed (D) 49%, Rogers (R) 44%; New Hampshire, Pappas (D) 50%, Sununu (R) 45%; Maine, Collins (R) 49%, Jackson (D) 46%.

Sources: Siena Research Institute · The New York Times

MARKETS & YOUR MONEY

S&P 500	7,704.13	-0.02%
Dow Jones	51,349.98	-0.31%
Nasdaq	26,939.37	+0.01%
10-year Treasury	5.18%	+0.07 pt
Crude oil (WTI)	\$94.61	+2.7%
30-year mortgage	7.03%	was 6.95%
Gasoline, regular	\$4.48	AAA avg.

Thursday closes; Freddie Mac weekly mortgage average; AAA gas average.
Sources: AP, CNBC, Treasury, Reuters, Freddie Mac, AAA.

7 Stocks flat as bond yields keep rising

The Dow fell for a third day and the 30-year Treasury yield touched its highest since 2004. New York Fed President John Williams called another rate increase this year “reasonable,” and Reuters reports futures show strong odds of an October hike.

Sources: AP · CNBC · Reuters

8 Mortgage rates pass 7%

The average 30-year fixed rate rose to 7.03% from 6.95% a week earlier, the first reading above 7% since January 2025. A year ago it was 6.30%.

Sources: Freddie Mac · Fox Business

9 Part D drug-plan premiums to rise in 2027

A program that has held down premiums for stand-alone Medicare Part D plans ends Dec. 31. Medicare chief Dr. Mehmet Oz says most enrollees should see increases under \$10 a month. Open enrollment runs Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

Sources: CMS · PBS NewsHour

HEALTH & SCIENCE

10 1 in 5 older adults at risk of serious drug interactions

A JAMA study of about 5,000 Americans aged 62 to 85 found 35.7% take five or more prescriptions, up from 31% in 2015–16. About 22% take a potentially risky combination, down from 26%. It shows possible risk, not actual harm.

Sources: JAMA · News-Medical · MedicalXpress

AMERICAN LIFE

11 Hurricane Nolo threatens Hawaii's Big Island

A hurricane watch covers Hawaii County. Nolo, with 80 mph winds late Thursday, was about 240 miles south and strengthening. Forecasters warn of 15 to 30 inches of rain on the island's east and south sides.

Sources: NOAA Hurricane Center · weather.com

12 Nor'easter closes Outer Banks highway

Ocean water breached a dune and closed 16 miles of N.C. Highway 12, likely through the weekend. Coastal New England expects gusts to 60 mph and heavy rain.

Sources: WRAL · weather.com

SPORTS DESK

NFL Falcons 35, Packers 14. Bijan Robinson ran for 194 yards.

Sources: AP · Fox Sports

MLB Cubs 2, Marlins 1; the Cubs clinch a playoff berth.

Sources: Chicago Sun-Times · MLB.com

GOLF Presidents Cup after Day 1: U.S. 3, International 2.

Sources: CBS Sports · PGA Tour

ON TODAY'S CALENDAR

MORNING Xi Jinping's last day: tea at the White House and a National Archives visit, then departure.

Sources: AP · Reuters

ANY TIME Supreme Court ruling possible on Missouri's congressional map.

Sources: SCOTUSblog · Fox News

ONE GOOD THING

13 From 121 losses to the playoffs

Two years after a modern-record 121-loss season, the Chicago White Sox clinched a playoff berth with a 9–1 win over Kansas City. They are the first team to make the postseason right after back-to-back 100-loss seasons.

Sources: ESPN · MLB.com

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